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The Honorable John D. Rockefeller IV  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Rockefeller:

Thank you for your February 21, 2014, letter to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Regional Administrator Shawn Garvin and Dr. Thomas Frieden, Director of the Centers for Disease Control, regarding ongoing concerns in West Virginia about the current safety of the drinking water and the potential health effects related to the West Virginia Elk River 4-methylcyclohexanemethanol (MCHM) release. I understand that the Centers for Disease Control is responding to your letter to address its continued coordination with the West Virginia health authorities.

On March 5, 2014, EPA discontinued a daily on-site presence at the Freedom Industries facility. If conditions change, or if the State requests federal on-site assistance, EPA responders can be redeployed to the site. The EPA will return during future tank dismantling to observe site conditions.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Carolyn Levine in EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at [levine.carolyn@epa.gov](mailto:levine.carolyn@epa.gov) or (202) 564-1859.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Laura Vaught", is positioned above the printed name.

Laura Vaught  
Associate Administrator